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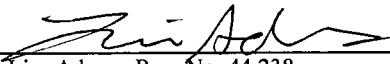
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examiner.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

A copy of the **Pending Claims** is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience. No amendments are made.